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OF USE THEREFOR****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein, (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; and (c) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including December 5, 2001 with provision for the required fee. Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks set forth below place the case in position for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from claims 10, 12, 15, 16, and 53-55 is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

Please amend claims 10, 12, 15, 16, and 53-55 as follows:

10. (Twice amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the oncogene encodes a protein selected from the group consisting of v-myc, N-myc, c-myc, SV40 large T antigen, polyoma large T antigen, E1a protein of adenovirus, and E7 protein of human papillomavirus.

12. (Twice amended) A conditionally-immortalized dorsal root ganglion progenitor cell containing an oncogene, wherein the cell differentiates into neurons upon